Power Plant at Timarpur, Delhi

1558. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power plant set up with the help of a Danish firm at Timarpur in North Delhi is likely to be commissioned by the end of this year;

(b) whether the proposed power plant will generate electricity from garbage; and

(c) what is the latest position of the said power plant and to what extent the problem of power in the capital is likely to be solved;

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The plant is undergoing trial operations under the control of the Danish contractor and has not yet been taken over by the Government This is a pilot R&D Project meant basically for incineration of the city refuse and to utilise the energy so released for power generation. The plant is designed to generate 3.75 MW of power which will partly meet the electricity requirements at Wazirabad water works. In the context of capital's power requirements, this capacity is insignificant.

Cogeneration Energy Technology

1559 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI D. B CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that according to an international technology expert the cogeneration energy technology is an ideal solution for the developing countries which are facing serious power shortages;

(b) if so, whether Government have since gone through the know-how of this technology; and

(c) what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMET OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Government is not aware of the report of the international technology expert in question. However, cogeneration technology for generating additional power is well-known and is being put to use in various industrial units.

(b) and (c) Does no' arise.

Prices of Iron Tablets

1560. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the manufacture of iron tablets is in the decontrolled list;

(b) whether taking advantage of this, the multinational companies have increased their prices repeatedly;

(c) whether this has caused serious difficulties to the poor pregnant women; and

(d) if so, what is being done to ensure that the price of such tablets is controlled by Government and kept within the reach of poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The manufacturers are free to revised the prices of their price decontrolled formulation.

(c) and (d) Iron tablets were not included in the list of Category II